

**REMARKS**

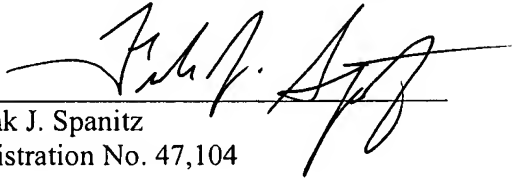
This preliminary amendment and election responds to the office action mailed November 1, 2006. Applicant hereby elects without traverse the Invention I of claims 24-27 and 35-37 (as identified by the Office Action, paragraph 2, page 2) for prosecution on the merits. Claims 38-48 have been withdrawn. New claims 49-62 have been added and read on elected Invention I. These new claims are fully supported by the original disclosure. No new matter has been introduced.

The Applicant respectfully requests entry of the election and foregoing amendments into the record, and favorable consideration thereof by the Examiner.

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